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SUBJECT: GSP: RECENT MODIFICATION OF US SCHEME

REF: GENEVA 2499 B) STATE 43352

1. PLEASE INFORM GATT SECRETARIAT THAT NUMBERS GIVEN IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF REFTEL B ARE CORRECT. 102 ITEMS WERE REDESIGNATED, FROM SPECIFIC COUNTRIES AND 115 NEW ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM ELIGIBILITY FROM SPECIFIC COUNTRIES BY COMPETITIVE NEED. CONFUSION COMES FROM GENERALLY CONFUSING NATURE OF ANNEXES TO EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND FACT THAT COMPETITIVE NEED EXCLUSIONS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TSUS NUMBER MAY BE FOR MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY. THUS, WHILE ONE COUNTRY MAY BE REDESIGNATED FOR A PARTICULAR PRODUCT, UNCLASSIFIED

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ANOTHER COUNTRY MAY NOT BE REDESIGNATED FOR THE SAME PRODUCT, OR A NEW COUNTRY MAY BE EXCLUDED FOR THE SAME PRODUCT. AS A RESULT, THE NUMBER WOULD REMAIN LISTED IN ANNEX III, BUT THE COUNTRY NAME(S) WOULD CHANGE NEXT TO IT IN ANNEX IV.

2. THE CASE IS SIMILAR FOR THE 115 ITEMS EXCLUDED FOR

THE FIRST TIME. WHILE AN ITEM MAY BE EXCLUDED FOR THE FIRST TIME FROM ONE COUNTRY, IT MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXCLUDED FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THUS, THE NUMBER WOULD NOT BE DELETED FROM ANNEX II A, SINCE IT WAS NOT LISTED IN THIS ANNEX THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE NUMBER WOULD HOWEVER, APPEAR IN ANNEX III AND IV.

3. FOR EXAMPLE, OF THE 102 ITEMS REDESIGNATED FROM SPECIFIC COUNTRIES, 86 "NEW" ITEMS APPEAR IN ANNEX II B. AN ADDITIONAL 16 ITEMS THAT WERE REDESIGNATED FROM SPECIFIC COUNTRIES DO NOT, BECAUSE THEY CONTINUE TO BE EXCLUDED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE IS 147.80, FRESH GUAVAS. MEXICO WAS EXCLUDED DURING 1976, BUT WAS REDESIGNATED MARCH 1. HOWEVER, AT THE SAME TIME THE PHILIPPINES EXCEEDED THE COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITS. THUS, 147.80 IS NOT LISTED IN EITHER ANNEX A OR B, LEADING TO THE GATT SECRETARIATS CONFUSION. THE ONLY PLACE THAT THE CHANGE COULD BE NOTED WOULD BE ANNEX IV, WHERE THE PHILIPPINES IS NOW LISTED BY 147.80 INSTEAD OF MEXICO WHICH WAS LISTED THERE LAST YEAR.

4. COPIES OF FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE OF MARCH 3 WHICH PROVIDES FURTHER INFORMATION BEING FORWARDED TO POSTS FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION TO INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS.

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